

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 27 OF 2021

WHEREAS, September is Hunger Action Month, a time of year dedicated to driving awareness and inspiring action to help end hunger in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Centre County Government's Office of Adult Services coordinates the funding available through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture for supplemental food assistance along with partners in the community for the ordering and distribution of food; and

WHEREAS, Centre County eligible individuals and families have the opportunity to receive food at one of the County's eight local, in-network pantries; and

WHEREAS, Since July 1, 2020 the State Food Purchase Program has served 1,254 Centre County households, including 616 children, 1,287 adults, and 677 elderly persons; and

WHEREAS, residents of Centre County care deeply about the problem of hunger, supporting the charitable food pantries, human service agencies, non-profit such as Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, Central PA Community Action, Faith Centre, State College Food Bank, faith based organizations, and the network of volunteers who serve our community to end hunger

WHEREAS, no child, senior citizen, man or woman should be faced with a lack of food. Developmental and cognitive deficits, educational deficits, recurring illnesses in child and senior populations, lack of productivity and negative long-term social and economic consequences are among the damaging results of food insecurity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **September 2021** as "**Hunger Action Month**" in Centre County and encourage all citizens to recognize the work being done at local food banks, school nutrition programs, and community meal programs.

ADOPTED this 14th day of September 2021.



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